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STICK SEASON 2023

THAT'S A WRAP!!!

ANOTHER FANTASTIC SEASON HAS DRAWN TO A CLOSE

How has it already been 3 months since our 100th birthday bash?!? We had live music from Joseph Stallsmith, James Graham, Rob Oxford, and two sets of Mango Jam; we had an amazing spread (with a whole hog!) provided by Glenn Ferriot and Fresco Catering; we raffled off some super cool swag and prizes; and we closed the night with our second spectacular fireworks show of the Summer, courtesy of Jay. If you were there, you know how much fun it was. If you missed it, don't worry - we'll be throwing more parties in the future - be sure to [stay subscribed to Post Ponderings](#) to stay informed!

Maybe it was the catharsis of emerging from the pandemic, but this truly was one of our best seasons ever. Our staff was incredible, and we miss them already! Our new chef, Patrick, was just terrific, and we're delighted to announce that he'll be returning in 2024.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a special year, we hope you've already got your next visit on the calendar!



Twice in one year! Jay's fireworks were a blast at our 100th birthday party. He's getting so good at this! Photo by Peter Riley (bassist from Mango Jam)

SEASON'S GREETINGS

HAPPY HOLIDAY FROM THE INNKEEPERS

Dear Loch Lyme Lodgers,

We wanted to take a moment to send you our thanks and wish you and your families a joyous holiday season. It's hard to believe that next year will be our 18th year here at the Lodge and it's all because of you, our own extended family. You have come and supported us and we've enjoyed meeting and greeting you whether it was your 1st time visiting or your 70th. You, the guests, are what makes the Lodge such a magical place and we appreciate you all!

It's not lost on us that some of our youngest guests when we first arrived are now starting families of their own. It's such a gift to see generations of families returning here and passing on their favorite vacation traditions: learning to swim, taking out a canoe, hiking to the top of a local mountain, and grabbing a maple creemee on a sunny afternoon, of course!

We hope that the holidays will also allow some family time when we can all slow down from hectic life and relax with loved ones, listen to some joyful music, and watch some good football (or in my case, being a Jets fan, mediocre football).

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from us to you!

Let peace and kindness rule!

Jay, Amy, and Juliet



LYME TREE FESTIVAL

Just a mile down the road is Lyme Common, one of the two villages that make up Lyme, NH. Nine years ago, Pat Pippin, a beloved resident and proprietor of the Lyme Country Store, together with her daughters Liz and JJ, joined The Utility Club of Lyme to start a tree festival. The funds raised provide scholarships to Lyme students.



Lyme Common, Christmas Tree Festival - photo by Lin Brown

It begins on the first weekend in December and illuminates the Common throughout the month. What began as a small project has blossomed into a truly delightful local tradition. This year there were more than 60 trees, each designed and decorated by the classes at the Lyme school, local families, and other local groups and businesses. Jay and Amy decorated a beautiful tree on behalf of LLL (with handmade decorations by Amy!).

The first day of the Festival was marked by a bakesale, an open house at the Historic Society, carol singing, and a visit from Santa Claus.

We hope someday you will be able to join us for the tree festival too.

SAVING THE BARN

Good things are happening here at the Lodge!

The biggest news is the support we have received from the wonderful folks at our local Claremont Bank. They have given us two forms of assistance - offering mortgages to members who are buying cabins as well as a significant loan.

The plan is to move the barn to a new foundation in a drier place about 200 feet uphill from the current site. We will renovate the main floor to make it perfect for performances, dances, wedding receptions, and hanging out on rainy days. If all goes according to plan, we will have moved and renovated our beautiful barn by May of 2025. Stay tuned for more details!

If you're interested in becoming a member and/or owning a cabin, you can find more information at LochLymeLodge.com/pinnacle.



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